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SUBJ: CHILE'S RELATIONS WITH THE HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON CHILE

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH SCHREIBER, MISOFF WAS TOLD THAT IN MEETING ON AUG. 25, DIEZ PROPOSED TO AD HOC WORKING GROUP (WG) THAT TWO OF THEIR MEMBERS, RATHER THAN THE ENTIRE WG, VISIT CHILE. WG'S COUNTER-PROPOSAL WAS THAT TWO OF THE GROUP VISIT CHILE, IN THE NEAR FUTURE, IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY THE THREE OTHER MEMBERS. DIEZ SAID HE WOULD ASK SANTIAGO FOR INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING WG PROPOSAL AND GIVE THEM AN ANSWER FRIDAY, AUGUST 27.

2. ACCORDING TO SCHREIBER, ATMOSPHERE IN MEETINGS IS MARKEDLY IMPROVED. DIEZ IS MORE CONCILIATORY AND SHOWING GREATER RESPECT FOR ALLANA. SCHREIBER FEELS THAT PRESSURE EXERTED BY U.S. AND EC-9 HAS HAD EFFECT ON GOC AND THE RESULT IS MORE MODERATE TONE.

3. IN CONVERSATION WITH SCHREIBER, DIEZ IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT OTHER LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES ARE GREATER VIOLATORS OF HUMAN RIGHTS THAN CHILE AND SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED. HE SUGGESTED THAT IT WOULD
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BE EASIER FOR WG TO VISIT CHILE IF THEY ALSO PLANNED

TO INVESTIGATE AND VISIT OTHER COUNTRIES, I.E.,
ARGENTINA. HE ALSO MENTIONED UGANDA AS A COUNTRY
THAT SHOULD BE INVESTIGATED.

4. MISSION WILL CONTINUE TO KEEP DEPARTMENT INFORMED
ON THIS SESSION OF WG MEETING WITH GOC REPRESENTATIVE.
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